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25X1 1. [REDACTED] the following navigational aids at the entrance to Pechora Bay were not in accordance with available charts:

- a. The outer buoy, east of island No. 3, was located four miles to the west of the charted position.
- b. Three or four miles northwest of the buoy mentioned above, there was a beacon light, which flashed every ten seconds, built on piles.
- c. North of Point Russkiy Zavorot, there was a sunken wreck, presumably a tanker.

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2. At Naryan Mar (N 67-40, E 53-05) the quay is located on the east bank of the river; it is built of scrap wood and poorly equipped for mooring vessels alongside. The quay is long enough to berth three ships at one time, although at the two upper berths there is very little water, and ships completed loading at the lowest berth.

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3. [REDACTED] The maximum draft for ships crossing Pechora Bar at high water was reported to be 15 feet, 2 inches.

4. The town of Pechora is situated approximately two miles from the quay on the opposite bank of the river, where [REDACTED] many factory chimneys, and a quay equipped with many cranes. Barges loading coal, as well as many small fishing and trading vessels were [REDACTED] at the quay.

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6. Self-propelled hoppers were frequently observed in the vicinity of the quay at Pechora; [] a canal was under construction in the area.
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7. The inspection on entering the port took about one and a half hours to complete; [] it was more superficial than the control in other Soviet ports. No one was given shore leave passes, and the captain was escorted to and from the agent's office when signing papers.

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